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1 2	UNITED STATES DISTRICT C	YORK	
3	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		
4	V.		13 CR 811 (ALC)
5	ALVERADO DOMINQUEZ,		
6	Defendant.		
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8			New York, N.Y. November 16, 2014
9			10:50 a.m.
10	Before:		
12	HON. KEVIN N. FOX,		
13			Magistrate Judge
14	APPEARANCES		
15	PREET BHARARA		
16	United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York KAN M. NAWADAY Assistant United States Attorney		
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18	IRA D. LONDON, ESQ.		
19	Attorney for Defendant		
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1 (Case called)

2 (In open court)

> THE DEPUTY CLERK: United States v. Alvarado Dominguez. Counsel, please state your appearances for the record.

MR. NAWADAY: Good morning, your Honor, Kan Nawaday for the government.

MR. LONDON: Good morning, your Honor. Ira London for Alvarado Dominguez.

THE COURT: Good morning. Is there an application on behalf of the defendant?

MR. LONDON: The application is to withdraw his plea of not quilty and enter a plea of quilty pursuant to the plea agreement.

THE COURT: The indictment in this case is a multi count indictment. Is your client's position that he is tendering a plea of guilty to all counts of the indictment?

MR. LONDON: No. Counts One and Two.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much.

Mr. Dominguez, I have before me indictment 13 CR 811, which as I indicated a moment ago is a multi count indictment. We shall be focusing on Counts One and Two during this morning's proceeding. You have a right to have this morning's proceeding presided over by a district judge. You may if you wish consent to have a magistrate judge preside at this

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THE DEFENDANT:

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morning's proceeding and in that connection I have before me a 1 document labeled Consent to Proceed Before a United States 2 3 Magistrate Judge for a Felony Plea Allocution. 4 Will you swear in the defendant, please? 5 (Defendant sworn) 6 THE COURT: Mr. Dominguez, I want to show you the 7 consent form about which I was speaking. Do you recognize the document? 8 9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 10 THE COURT: Did you have an opportunity to review it 11 with your attorney? 12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 13 THE COURT: Is there anything contained in the consent 14 form that you do not understand? 15 THE DEFENDANT: No. THE COURT: Do you acknowledge that the consent form 16 17 explains in greater detail what I mentioned to you a moment ago 18 about your right to have this proceeding presided over by a district judge and confirm that by signing the document you are 19 20 agreeing that a magistrate judge may preside at this morning's 21 proceeding? 22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 23 THE COURT: Is your true signature on the consent

Yes.

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1	THE COURT: Did anyone force you to sign the document?		
2	THE DEFENDANT: No.		
3	THE COURT: Let me turn my attention to your counsel.		
4	Is your signature also at the bottom of the consent form,		
5	Mr. London?		
6	MR. LONDON: Yes.		
7	THE COURT: Thank you. I shall sign the document and		
8	then we shall continue.		
9	Mr. Dominguez, what is your full name?		
10	THE DEFENDANT: Alvarado Dominguez.		
11	THE COURT: What is the last year in school that you		
12	completed?		
13	THE DEFENDANT: Tenth.		
14	THE COURT: Are you under the care of a physician or		
15	psychiatrist for any condition?		
16	THE DEFENDANT: No.		
17	THE COURT: Have you ever been treated for alcoholism		
18	or drug abuse?		
19	THE DEFENDANT: No.		
20	THE COURT: Have you within the last 24 hours consumed		
21	any medicine, alcohol or drugs that would affect your ability		
22	to understand what you're doing here today?		
23	THE DEFENDANT: No.		
24	THE COURT: Do you feel all right today?		
25	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.		

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1 THE COURT: Have you received a copy of indictment 13 CR 811? 2 3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 4 THE COURT: Do you wish to have the indictment read to 5 you now in open court? 6 THE DEFENDANT: No. 7 THE COURT: Do you understand what it says that you did at Counts One and Two of the indictment? 8 9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 10 THE COURT: Have you had sufficient opportunity to 11 speak with your attorney about the charges contained in Counts 12 One and Two of the indictment and how you wish to plead to 13 them? 14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 15 THE COURT: Are you satisfied with the assistance that 16 your attorney has rendered to you in connection with this 17

matter?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Are you ready to plead to Counts One and Two of indictment 13 CR 811; Count One charging a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2118(d) and 3147 and Count Two charging a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846?

> THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: What is your plea, sir; guilty or not

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quilty to Counts One and Two of the indictment?

THE DEFENDANT: Guilty.

THE COURT: Are you a United States citizen?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Do you understand that by pleading quilty to the offenses set forth at Counts One and Two of the indictment, you may be giving up certain valuable civil rights that you possess, including, among others, the right to vote, the right to hold public office, the right to serve on a jury, the right to possess any type of firearm, including rifles and shotguns; the right to be considered for certain types of employment and the right to possess or obtain certain professional licenses?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Also, because the offense set forth at Count Two of the indictment involved a violation of Title 21 of the United States Code, pursuant to Section 862 of that title of the United States Code, that is, Title 21, by your plea of quilty you may be giving up your entitlement to certain benefits which you might otherwise be entitled, including, among others, the following: Social Security, food stamp benefits, education loans or grants and public housing or housing subsidies. Do you understand, sir?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: I have to determine whether your plea of

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quilty is being made voluntarily and whether you understand fully the charges made against you and the possible consequences of your plea, so I shall be asking you additional questions. I first want to insure that you understand the nature of the charges made against you.

Count One of the indictment charges you with participating in a conspiracy to burglarize pharmacies of controlled substances. As I indicated earlier, it's alleged to be a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2118(d). The law provides a maximum penalty for the offense set forth in Count One of the indictment as follows: term of imprisonment of ten years; a maximum term of supervised release of three years; a maximum fine pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3571 of the greatest of \$250,000, twice the gross pecuniary gain derived from the offense, or twice the gross pecuniary loss to persons other than yourself resulting from the offense and a \$100 mandatory special assessment.

If you are sentenced to a term of supervised release and violate the terms and conditions of that supervised release, such that it is revoked, you expose yourself to serving in prison all or part of the term of supervised release authorized by statute for the offense that resulted in such term of supervised release without credit for time previously served on post-release supervision.

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Sir, do you understand the nature of the charge made against you in Count One of the indictment?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: And do you understand the range of penalties, including the maximum penalty to which you are potentially exposing yourself by your plea?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Count Two of the indictment charges you with participating in a conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute controlled substances in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846 and 841(b)(1)(c). The law provides as a maximum penalty for the offenses set forth at Count Two of the indictment the following: A maximum term of imprisonment of twenty years; a maximum term of supervised release of life; a maximum fine pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(c) of \$1 million and a mandatory \$100 special assessment. If you are sentenced to a term of supervised release and violate the terms and conditions of that supervised release such that it is revoked, the same consequences that I reviewed with you with respect to Count One of the indictment would befall you with respect to Count Two of the indictment, so I shall not repeat that to you.

Sir, do you understand the nature of the charge made against you at Count Two of the indictment?

> Yes, your Honor. THE DEFENDANT:

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THE COURT: And do you understand the range of penalties, including the maximum sentence to which you are potentially exposing yourself by your plea of quilty to Count Two of the indictment? THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: The indictment also contains a forfeiture allegation which the government has indicated would seem to recoup the proceeds of certain illegal conduct that's described in the indictment. Are you aware that the indictment contains a forfeiture allegation?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Sir, do you understand that you have a right to plead not quilty and to have a jury trial on the charges contained at Counts One and Two of indictment 13 CR 811?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Do you understand that if you plead not quilty and go to trial, the burden would be upon the government to prove that you were quilty beyond a reasonable doubt?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Do you understand that at a trial you would be presumed innocent until the government proved your quilt beyond a reasonable doubt?

> THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Do you understand that at such a trial and

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at every other stage of the proceeding you would have the right to be represented by an attorney and if necessary the Court would appoint an attorney to represent you?

> THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: You also understand that at a trial you have the right to testify, to confront and question any witnesses who might testify against you, and the right not to be forced to incriminate yourself because you do not have to be a witness against yourself?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Do you understand that at a trial you would be entitled to call witnesses to testify and to compel the attendance of witnesses?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Do you understand that if you plead guilty there will be no trial of any kind so that you give up your right to a trial and the only remaining step would be for the assigned district judge to sentence you?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Sir, are you certain that you understand the nature of the charges to which you are pleading guilty?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: And are you certain that you understand the range of penalties, including the maximum sentences to which you are potentially subjecting yourself by your plea?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Do you understand that the sentencing judge may be obligated to impose a special assessment on you?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: What are the elements of the offenses set forth at Counts One and Two of the indictment?

MR. NAWADAY: Yes, your Honor. Count One charges the defendant with conspiring to burglarize pharmacies for controlled substances. That crime has the following elements: First, that there was an agreement to burglarize pharmacies for controlled substances. Second, that the defendant knowingly and intentionally joined that agreement. Third, that the conspiracy involved the burglary of more than \$500 worth of controlled substances. Fourth, that as part of the conspiracy an interstate facility such as a cell phone was used. Fourth, that the pharmacies were defined as pharmacies under the law and, fifth, that a member of the conspiracy committed an overt act in furtherance of the conspiracy.

Count Two charges the defendant with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute or to distribute controlled substances, in particular, oxycodone. That crime has the following elements: First, that a conspiracy did exist to possess with intent to distribute or to distribute a controlled substance, in particular, oxycodone and, secondly, that the defendant knowingly and intentionally joined that agreement

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and, third, that an act in furtherance of the conspiracy occurred in the Southern District of New York.

Those are the elements of the offenses, your Honor.

THE COURT: With respect to the offense set forth at Count One of the indictment, isn't there a requirement that the larceny involve premises controlled by a person registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration?

MR. NAWADAY: Exactly, your Honor. I may have summarized what that element is, but that is an element, that it has to be a pharmacy controlled and registered as, under the statutes, a pharmacy under the, with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Mr. Dominguez, having heard the elements of the offenses set forth at Counts One and Two of the indictment, is it still your desire to tender a plea of guilty?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Sir, have you and your attorney talked about how the Sentencing Commission guidelines which are advisory only might inform the sentence to be imposed upon you?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Do you understand that in determining your sentence the sentencing judge is obligated to calculate the applicable sentencing quidelines range and possible departures under the sentencing guidelines?

1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor. 2 THE COURT: Do you understand that in addition to the 3 sentencing quidelines factors the sentencing judge will also consider factors that are set forth at 18, United States Code, 4 5 Section 3553 in determining what an appropriate sentence might 6 be for you? 7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor. THE COURT: Do you understand that parole has been 8 9 abolished and that if you are sentenced to prison you will not 10 be released on parole? 11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor. 12 THE COURT: Do you understand that the answers you 13 give to me today under oath may in the future be used against 14 you in a prosecution for perjury or false statement if you do 15 not tell the truth to the Court? 16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor. 17 THE COURT: Sir, do you still wish to plead quilty to Counts One and Two of indictment 13 CR 811? 18 19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor. 20 THE COURT: Have any threats been made to you by 21 anyone to influence you to plead guilty? 22 THE DEFENDANT: No. 23 THE COURT: Have any promises been made to you 24 concerning the sentence you will receive?

No.

THE DEFENDANT:

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THE COURT: I understand that you and your attorney 1 and representatives from the government have reached certain 2 3 agreements and understandings in connection with your tender of 4 a plea of guilty and those agreements and understandings have 5 been reduced to a writing, specifically a letter dated 6 November 3, 2014 addressed to Ira D. London, your attorney. I 7 have a copy of that document before me which I shall show you now. Do you recognize the document, sir? 8 9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor. 10 THE COURT: Did you have an opportunity to review it 11 with your attorney? 12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor. 13 THE COURT: Is there anything contained in the 14 November 3, 2014 writing that you do not understand? 15 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor. THE COURT: Among other things, there is text in the 16 17 November 3, 2014 writing through which you admit the forfeiture allegations that I reviewed with you earlier that are part of 18 19 the indictment. Are you aware that such texts exist in the 20 November 3, 2014 writing? 21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor. 22 THE COURT: And are you aware that there is a specific 23 quantity of money and specific property outlined in the 24 November 3, 2014 writing that you commit to forfeiting to the

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government?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: There is also an analysis of the

Sentencing Commission guidelines in the November 3, 2014 writing. Are you aware that the writing contains that analysis

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THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Do you understand that notwithstanding the analysis of the Sentencing Commission guidelines that are in the November 3, 2014 writing, the impact, if any, that the Sentencing Commission guidelines may have on the sentence to be imposed on you is left solely to the discretion of the sentencing judge?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: There is text in the November 3, 2014 writing that constricts your ability to appeal from or collaterally attack the judgment of conviction or sentence that might be imposed upon you. Are you aware of that, sir?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: There is also text in the November 3, 2014 writing that prohibits you from seeking a sentence modification pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3582(c). Are you aware of that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: I want to direct your attention to the last page of the November 3, 2014 writing. Is your signature

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1 on the last page of it? 2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor. 3 THE COURT: Has anyone forced you to sign the 4 document? 5 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor. 6 THE COURT: Let me ask your counsel. Mr. London, is 7 that your signature on the last page of the document? MR. LONDON: Yes, your Honor. 8 9 THE COURT: Have representatives of the government 10 also signed the last page of document? 11 MR. NAWADAY: They have. 12 THE COURT: Mr. Dominguez, other than the agreement 13 that you and your attorney and representatives of the 14 government have reached that are outlined in the November 3, 15 2014 writing about which we've been speaking, have any other agreements or understandings been made or reached with you in 16 connection with your tender of a plea of guilty to Counts One 17 and Two of indictment 13 CR 811? 18 19 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor. 20 THE COURT: Sir, is your plea being made voluntarily, 21 that is, of your own free will? 22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor. 23 THE COURT: Did you commit the offenses that are

outlined in Counts One and Two of the indictment?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Could you tell me what it is that you did that makes you believe you are guilty of Counts One and Two in the indictment?

THE DEFENDANT: In 2011 I agreed with others to burglarize pharmacies for controlled substances.

THE COURT: Sir, when was it that you say you agreed with others to burglarize pharmacies?

THE DEFENDANT: 2011.

THE COURT: Where was it that you agreed with others to engage in that conduct?

THE DEFENDANT: In the Bronx.

THE COURT: And when you engaged in the conduct that you just described, did you know that what you were doing was wrong?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: With respect to Count Two of the indictment that charges you with conspiring to possess and distribute controlled substances, what if anything can you tell me about that offense and your involvement in it?

THE DEFENDANT: I agreed with others to possess and intend to sell and use a controlled substance. In 2011.

THE COURT: I want to make sure that I understand correctly. Was your agreement with others to possess and use a controlled substance or possess and distribute a controlled substance in 2011?

THE DEFENDANT: Could you repeat that?

THE COURT: Was your agreement with others to possess and use controlled substances in 2011 or was your agreement with others to possess and distribute controlled substances in 2011?

THE DEFENDANT: Possess and distribute.

THE COURT: Thank you. And where was it that you agreed with others to possess and distribute controlled substances in 2011?

THE DEFENDANT: In New York.

THE COURT: Where in New York?

THE DEFENDANT: In Manhattan.

THE COURT: And when you agreed with others, as you just described, to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances in Manhattan, did you know that what you were doing was wrong?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Are there any questions the government would have me put to Mr. Dominguez?

MR. NAWADAY: Yes, your Honor. First, if your Honor could inquire what the controlled substance was, the object of both Counts One, Counts Two and also if your Honor could inquire whether the defendant or any of his co-conspirators used cellular telephones in connection with Count One, the conspiracy to burglarize pharmacies.

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THE COURT: What is the significance of a telephone in connection with Count One?

MR. NAWADAY: Your Honor, I believe that is one of the elements is that an interstate facility was used as part of the offense.

THE COURT: Mr. Dominguez, let me turn your attention to Count One of the indictment which addresses burglaries and pharmacies. What controlled substance or substances were the object of the conspiracy to burglarize the pharmacy and pharmacies?

THE DEFENDANT: Oxycodone, your Honor.

THE COURT: And in connection with your agreement with others to burglarize pharmacies as you described earlier, can you tell me whether mobile telephones were used?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Let me direct your attention to Count Two of the indictment charging that you conspired with others to possess and distribute controlled substances. Could you tell me what controlled substance or substances was involved in your agreement with others as referenced with respect to Count Two of the indictment?

THE DEFENDANT: Oxycodone, your Honor.

THE COURT: Are there any other questions the government would have me put to the defendant?

MR. NAWADAY: No, your Honor, but the government would

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proffer that the government would be able to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the pharmacies were registered with the drug enforcement agency as required to charge Count One against the defendant and also that the controlled substances that were stolen were valued at more than \$500.

THE COURT: Okay. Mr. London, are you aware of any reason why your client should not plead guilty?

MR. LONDON: No, your Honor.

THE COURT: Is the government aware of any reason why the defendant should not plead quilty?

MR. NAWADAY: No, your Honor.

THE COURT: If the case went to trial what evidence would the government offer to prove the charges set forth in Counts One and Two of indictment 13 CR 811?

MR. NAWADAY: Yes, your Honor. If the case were to proceed to trial, the government would offer the testimony of cooperating witnesses who participated in both conspiracies with the defendant, law enforcement witnesses, pharmacy witnesses, as well as video surveillance evidence and cell site evidence demonstrating that the defendant participated in a conspiracy to burglarize certain pharmacies in the New York City area during the conspiracy period in order to obtain oxycodone that the conspirators then resold.

THE COURT: What would be the substance of testimony presented by law enforcement officers and also pharmacy

personnel?

MR. NAWADAY: The substance of that testimony would be in part that the pharmacies were registered at pharmacies under — with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Law enforcement witnesses would present evidence relating to the actual burglaries, the investigation of the burglaries, as well as video surveillance obtained, as well as cell site evidence obtained.

THE COURT: Thank you. I am satisfied that

Mr. Dominguez understands the nature of the charges made

against him in Counts One and Two of the indictment. I am also

satisfied that he understands the consequences of his plea of

guilty. I am satisfied that the plea is being made voluntarily

and knowingly and that there's a factual basis for the plea.

So I shall report and recommend to the assigned district judge

that the plea be accepted.

I am going to fix a date for sentence and direct the parties to contact the assigned district judge to determine whether that date is convenient for sentencing proceeding.

February 17, 2015 will be the date for sentence unless you get different directions from the assigned district judge. I'll direct that a presentence report be prepared prior to that date. I shall direct the government to provide its case summary material to the probation department not later than 14 days from today. To aid in the preparation of that report the

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defendant and his counsel should make themselves available for 1 2 an interview with the probation department no later than 14 3 days from today to aid in the preparation of that report. I shall direct the government to obtain a transcript 4 5 with the minutes generated from this proceeding and present 6 those to the assigned district judge before the date of 7 sentence. 8 Is there any application with respect to bail? 9 MR. LONDON: No, your Honor. 10 THE COURT: Is there anything else that we need to address? 11 12 MR. NAWADAY: Not for the government. 13 MR. LONDON: Not for the defense. 14 THE COURT: Thank you. Good day. 15 (Adjourned) 16 17 18 19 20 21 22